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Almere, the newest City in the Netherlands is situated in Flevoland, which was created when parts of the Zuiderzee (Southern Sea) was enclosed by dikes and pumped dry. This futuristic City has been designed and built to cope with possible climate changes as the large field of solar panels shows. In 2022 it already had 215,000 inhabitants. More details on pages 22-23.

Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

Below are the latest details of **events and activities** organised by Neerlandia and by the various Sub-Clubs.

July 2023

Sunday 2	Sunday Drive	11.00 am
<i>Doors open 10.30am for Coffee. More details on page 16.</i>		
Mon 3,10,17,24,31		
	Billiard Club	9.15 am
Wed 5,19	Bingo	11am
Thurs 6,13,20,27	Neerlandia Thursday Night Cards	7pm
Thurs 13,27	Neerlandia Seniors' Club	10am
Sat 1,8,15,22,29	Dutch Singers	Morley Windmills
Sun 23	Young Professionals Workshop	
<i>More details Machiel van der Stelt.</i>		
Fri 28	M & W Borrel	6.00pm
	Myaree	
Sun 30	Neerlandia Anniversary Lunch	
<i>More details on page 19.</i>		

August 2023

Sunday 6	Sunday Drive	11.00 am
<i>Doors open 10.30am for Coffee. More details on page 16.</i>		
Mon 7,14,21,28		
	Billiard Club	9.15 am
Wed 2,16,30	Bingo	11am
Thurs 3,10,17,24,31	Neerlandia Thursday Night Cards	7pm
Thurs 10,24	Neerlandia Seniors' Club	10am
Sat 5,12,19,26	Dutch Singers	Morley Windmills
Sun 20	Junior Club Ice-skating & Dinner	
<i>More details page 8</i>		
Fri 25	M & W Borrel	6.00pm
	Morley	
Sun 27	Andre Rieu in the Event Theatre Innaloo	
<i>More details on page 12</i>		

September 2023

Sunday 10	Sunday Drive	10.30 am
<i>Doors open 10.30am for Coffee. More details on page 16</i>		
<i>Sunday 17</i>		
	Dutch Singers at Araluen	
<i>More details on page 12</i>		

Club details:

Neerlandia is using the Rhein-Donau Clubhouse for most of their activities.

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In Memoriam —

The President's Report



President's Report.

Welcome once again, dear members. Another month has flown by and there is yet again so much to inform you about.

The André Rieu Video show was much enjoyed by all those who attended. Attendance was down in numbers, but the promised enjoyment was evident from the bouts of laughter from the audience.

So too was the abundance of food on the tables, very ably prepared by our volunteers, who deserve a great deal of thanks.

By the time you receive this magazine, two more new events will have been enjoyed by our Junior Club members. These are the Dutch Father's Day afternoon movies on Sunday the 18th of June, with popcorn, chocolates and a drink. Then there is the Silent Disco on the 30th of June, which has attracted a great deal of interest. This event coincides with our Maas & Waal evening.

The Rhein Donau Club is changing around their storage areas. They have removed the German Language books from their part of the library and the Mandolin Orchestra now have moved their musical instruments, cupboards and other items into that room. The door is now lockable and access is restricted to when events are on.

Pressure has been put onto Neerlandia to reduces the space needed for our Library.

The new Lego Building Club is housed in an extended storage area adjacent to the toilets, formerly used by the Mandolin Club.

Hearing Australia is conducting free hearing tests for our members. The next date is Friday 21st of July 2023. **If you would like to make an appointment between 9:00 AM & 12:00 PM, please call the R. D. C. on: 9330 6488.**

Eric van Waaijenburg submitted his resignation, as Secretary due to changes in his family and work commitments. The Committee accepted his resignation in full understanding, but with regret, and wished Eric all the very best for his future. **If you have a desire to be Secretary and part of a dynamic group which is delivering many new ideas and events, please contact myself or anyone else you may know on the**

Neerlandia Committee.

Forthcoming events: -

- 1) Please make sure you book for the 54th Anniversary Lunch on Sunday the 30th of July at the Rhein-Donau Club. Once again we will enjoy a buffet style Indonesian "Rijsttafel".
- 2) André Rieu is back in Cinemas on the 26th and 27th of August with his new show "Love is all around". Like last year, Neerlandia will sponsor our members attending the Sunday Show, so be sure to book your tickets. Please see the ad in this Magazine on page 12.
- 3) Tiptoe Through the Tulips. On Sunday 17th of September, together with the Araluen Botanical Gardens, Neerlandia is putting on a Cultural exhibition with the Dutch Singers performing Dutch and other songs.
- 4) Food Trucks selling Dutch Treats will also be present. So, make sure you put this in your diary and plan a wonderful afternoon that day. See ad in this magazine on page 12 for more information.
- 5) The Maas & Waal end of Month Drinks for September has been cancelled. The Dutch Language classes will be held at St Quintilian School in Claremont. This is due to an earlier start to the Octoberfest by the Rhein-Donau Club. The alternative date of 22nd September clashes with a Long Weekend, start of School Holidays and AFL Finals.

As always remember that Covid is still in the Community and it is mutating all the time. This winter there has also been an increase in the number of flu cases, so treat your health as if it were GOLD. For those members who are currently ill, we wish you a speedy recovery to perfect health and look forward to seeing you back in our midst.

**John Zwartkruis,
President.**

SECRETARY NEEDED

Neerlandia is looking for a Secretary.

Following the resignation of our secretary Eric van Waaijenburg, this vacant position needs to be filled urgently, so that your Committee can function properly.

Interested, please contact John Zwartkruis.
The Neerlandia Committee.

A guided bicycle Tour through Rotterdam

A BICYCLE TOUR THROUGH ROTTERDAM.

In an earlier issue of Neerlandia I read about Rotterdam. Therefore, during a recent visit to The Netherlands, I booked a guided bicycle tour conducted by my youngest nephew. Sjoerd showed me his beloved Rotterdam and, encouraged by his enthusiasm, I compiled information about this fascinating, energetic, constantly moving city. A city that, like a Phoenix, rose from its ashes after it suffered a 15-minute German bombardment (14 May 1940) which almost completely destroyed the old City centre. Seven hundred and eleven citizens lost their lives; more than 80,000 people became homeless. Rotterdam resurrected after the war. The citizens of Rotterdam did not give up but started to rebuild their city with an insight, love, and pride that these days is still almost tangible. This energy is well described by Rotterdam sculptor Ben Zegers, who created two



Lianna with her Nephew Sjoerd in front of the Central station for a guided bicycle tour.



Binnenhaven. (Inner harbour)

much focussed on the future.

We visited, amongst other spots and in random order: The **Timmerhuis**, formerly Stadstimmerhuis, which is a building complex in the Stadsdriehoek of Rotterdam. The building is a combination of post-World War II reconstruction architecture and contemporary architecture. The building was completed in 1953 and housed the Department of Municipal Works and four technical departments. The reconstruction of Rotterdam would be led from this place. (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timmerhuis>)

Groothandels Gebouw (meaning Wholesale Building or Offices) is an extensive building and monument in the centre of Rotterdam next to Central Station. Completed in 1953 it is one of the first major buildings built after the bombing of Rotterdam. As during the war much business was lost, there were early plans for new office space. The idea for a new building came from a wholesaler Frits Pot who realized that a rather large building would have a bigger impact than tens of buildings of separate wholesalers. The building is modelled after the Merchant Markets in Chicago. The final building fitted exactly in the vision of

Rotterdam and the post-war reconstruction of the city. (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Groothandelsgebouw>)

Santa Claus is a 2001 statue by Paul McCarthy at the Eendrachtsplein. Originally made for the International Sculpture Collection with the intended location being outside De Doelen Concert Hall, it has been in various places – including the courtyard of the Boijmans van Beuningen Museum but moved due to protests from local businesses. The sculpture is also known by its nickname **Butt Plug Gnome**. The work represents Santa Claus holding a Christmas tree in his hands but the artist has implied that it could also represent a butt plug. ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Santa_Claus_\(sculpture\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Santa_Claus_(sculpture))). There was an image in the June Magazine. After a quiet walk through the garden of the town hall, Sjoerd showed me the walls of the town hall and those



The former Holland America Line Building.

A guided bicycle Tour through Rotterdam



of the adjacent former Post Office. The town hall is still showing WWII bullet holes on its white washed walls. These walls are in stark contrast to the blackened walls of the former Post Office:

the soot landed on the building from the fires of the bombardment. These soot-covered walls are now a constant reminder of the bombing of Rotterdam.

I had been very lucky to be staying in Barendrecht, a village under the smoke of Rotterdam, when Feyenoord, one of the two Rotterdam *Eredivisie Clubs* (Premier League Cubs) became this season's national (soccer) champion. 140,000 elated fans came to the Rotterdam Town Hall at the Coolsingel to applaud and cheer their heroes who appeared on the town Hall's balcony. It was a happy mass of red & white dressed fans and no major incidents happened. One of the many facts I learned during my cycle tour is that FC Feyenoord is spelled differently to the suburb Feijenoord, the name this soccer club is named after. The reason for this is simple: in 1974 the club changed their name from Feijenoord to Feyenoord as people from outside The Netherlands did not know how to pronounce the Dutch "ij". Stadium Feyenoord is nicknamed *De Kuip* (The Tub) and is located in Feijenoord, Rotterdam-South.

And so my nephew and I walked, cycled, lunched and talked through Rotterdam. We visited the Market Hall, the Cube Houses; we stopped at the Binnenhaven - now a great place to soak up the sun and to admire the house boats; we saw the White House, het *Witte Huis*, another iconic Rotterdam building that withstood the German massacre. We crossed the River Maas and visited the former Holland-America Line (HAL) building, which these days houses a brilliant restaurant and funky Hotel New York. It's all too much really to describe in detail although each stop we made deserves a description. However, to prevent this write-up to be too much of a tourist guide for Rotterdam, I'll add some photographs only; every picture tells a story.

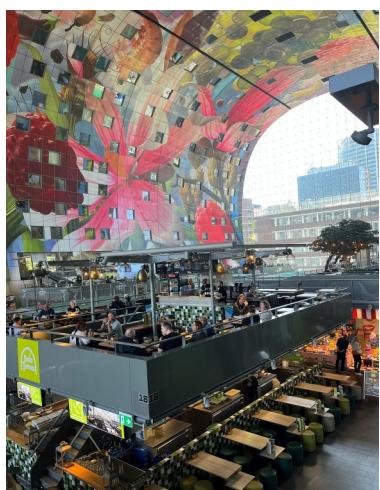
We finished up at Melief Bender, the oldest (1876) and one of only a few old original brown cafes in Rotterdam that survived. As it was a sunny Friday at the start of the Whitsun long weekend, the outside areas were filled to the brim - with patrons, and bicycles, of course.



The most popular Brown Café, Melief Bender, is the oldest of the few remaining ones in Rotterdam.



Feyenoord won the Dutch national Soccer Championship and 140,000 fans showed up to celebrate in the City Centre.



The André Rieu Lunch at the RDC

A report on the André Rieu Show – Sun 28th May

It was a sunny day and more than 40 people came and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon. The array of sandwiches, fruit and other crudites were in abundance and everyone's stomach was filled to satisfaction.



The videos started in Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna when Franz Joseph and Sigi were coached into the grounds aboard a golden coach. This was then followed by some typical Viennese



Waltzes performed by the Viennese Ballroom Dancers, dressed in beautiful white dresses by the ladies and black & white tuxedos by the men. Well, you wouldn't have expected anything less than that, would you?



Then we saw the whole orchestra enjoying an outdoor dinner on Mainau Island in the middle of Lake Constance. Next came Perpetuum Mobile, during

which members of the wind instruments were happily scoffing down a sumptuous dinner, only interrupted by the occasional few notes required. Who would have thought you could do this within an orchestra?



Having finished their dinner, it now was time to clear their throats by gargling water. The entire 18,000 audience was provided with a cup of water when they took their seats. Now the purpose for that cup of water became obvious. They were required to join in with gargling to the music of Bummelpetrus. As you can well imagine, many a mishap occurred and there was more laughter than gargling.

Next came another most exhilarating piece, the Anvil Polka. An anvil was brought on stage so that it could be used as part of the performance. Only one thing was missing, a blacksmith who could strike the anvil and was able to read music. Well André found one in



The André Rieu Lunch at the RDC



Paris. It was Roland Lafosse, one of the base string players in the orchestra. After some tomfoolery such as tuning, filing and dusting the anvil, Roland was ready. However, André was unhappy, as Roland was still neatly dressed and did not

represent a blacksmith. Roland was soon undressed when the Orchestra played the music from "The Stripper". And boy did he ham it up for the ladies. And his physique was one to admire. Full of muscles. The music played and Roland dropped one of his hammers. This caused a bout of laughter from a French horn player. Roland was upset about this and



walked up to him, snatched the French horn out of his hands and walked back to the anvil threatening to smash it to pieces. Well, this did not happen of course, but a lot of other frivolities did take place, causing us all a lot of laughter. As you can see there was a lot of fun to be seen and heard that afternoon. The above description only covered the first six pieces of music. There was lots more to come including a whole section entirely filmed within "De Efteling". These too



had funny moments when the Seven Dwarfs couldn't and then could play in tune with the orchestra. Many of your fairytale characters were depicted amongst the crowds or as a set piece. Everyone was able to identify with the story of Snow White, when the Evil Witch enticed Snow White (Mirusia) to eat a poisoned apple.

Prior to the day, I heard commentary like: I have seen so many of André's DVDs, it will be a repeat. Yet, on the day, I heard comments from people which said that they had seen quite a few scenes before, but there were many they hadn't seen at all. Those who came, definitely witnessed a wonderful show with a lot of laughter, which I had promised.

Jan Zwartkruis.



Ditjes en Datjes

Neerlandia's Dutch Father's Day Celebration & Movie Afternoon

In the Netherlands Father's Day or "Vaderdag" is celebrated on the 3rd Sunday in June. To celebrate Vaderdag a movie afternoon was held at RDC on the 18th of June and two movies were screened. The first, "Kauwboy" was a fabulous drama bringing to life the relationship struggles between a boy and his father during a very traumatic time in their lives.

The second movie, "Miss Minoes" was a very light hearted movie based on a novel "Minoes" by Anne MG Schmidt. This multi award winning movie starred Carice van Houten who has also starred in many A list productions including Game of Thrones. She married an

Australian actor Guy Pearce with whom she has a son. Complimentary popcorn, chocolates and a drink made for a great addition to watching the movies. All the dads and granddads were presented with a sticker that they proudly wore on the day.

(In Australia, Father's Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of September.)

Article by RL.



Calling all Ice Skaters for some Winter Fun!

Sunday 20th of August

Come and join in for some fun at the Cockburn Ice Arena

Session time is 1-3pm

Cabin 401 restaurant from 3:15pm

Everyone is welcome, young and old and you don't need to be a Neerlandia Member. Bring your friends, come and join us, wearing something **orange**!

Stay on for a coffee or a bite to eat at Cabin 401 (within the Ice Arena Complex) with your fellow Neerlandia skaters at the end of the skating session.

If ice-skating isn't your thing, you are more than welcome to just join us at the restaurant.

We look forward to meeting you there!

For more information and to rsvp please go to either our Facebook page Neerlandia Dutch Club WA, Via email to Machiel at mvdstelt@gmail.com Or our events page on the Neerlandia website: www.dutchclubwa.com



Free Museum Tour — KANANGOOR / Shimmer

13 May – 19 August 2023

In co-curating this exhibition, Amanda Bell, Badimia and Yued artist and curator, and Lee Kinsella, LWAG curator, offer visitors a journey through the Gallery space, guided by sound and light. Drawing upon resonate objects from several UWA collections, and enriched by new commissions from Amanda Bell, Corey Khan and Rickeeta

Walley, *KANANGOOR/Shimmer* is a consideration of our relationship with our environment. You are invited to follow the wardong in flight as we travel across Country and recognise reverberations of comfort and of disquiet.

The exhibition alludes to the many histories embedded within the land of the Crawley campus - of the many people who criss-cross this site and their stories.

Interestingly there is a very strong Dutch element - with reference to the Duyken and to Dutch-born composer Meta Overman.

Should your members wish to visit the exhibition, please contact Machiel via mvdstelt@gmail.com so a great group can be assembled for a fantastic day out.

More information about the exhibition can be found via the following website: <https://www.uwa.edu.au/lwag/Exhibitions/Kanangoor-Shimmer>

Illegale feesten in achterafgebied duiken overal op, waarom?

Het is een middelvinger naar de gevestigde orde.

Het ene na het andere illegale feest in weilanden en langs uiterwaarden duikt de laatste tijd op. Zoals dit weekend langs de Waal bij Pannerden.

Bij festivalorganisator Robin Hagen roepen die clandestiene *raves* een glimlach op.

De illegale raveparty's doen hem denken aan het begin van de jaren 90, toen vooral op het platteland in Engeland overal illegale dancefeesten opdoken.

Rave is een Engelse term voor een feest waar vooral keiharde dancemuziek wordt gedraaid.

De raves in Engeland werden destijds gezien als anti-establishment. "Het is een middelvinger naar de gevestigde orde" zegt Hagen.

Die wel kan glimlachen om dit soort feestjes 'van opstandigheid'.

Apart slag volk.

Gefascineerd keek hij onlangs al naar de beelden van massale rave. "Het is wel een apart slag publiek, zie ik dan. Gewone jongeren, zoals mijn zoons bijvoorbeeld, zie ik niet snel op zo'n rave komen. Die feesten liever op de gereguleerde festivals. Zelf bier meenemen en schijten in een bos. Daar hebben ze geen zin in. Ik denk ook niet dat het met geld te maken heeft. De meeste jongeren hebben goede baantjes en willen wel wat spanderen."

Bezoekers lijken een eigen scene te vormen en komen overal vandaan. "Ik heb begrepen dat ze elkaar via sociale media, vooral op de dark Web zoals 'Telegram', informeren."

Politie en autoriteiten krijgen die informatie vaak niet mee en worden opeens geconfronteerd met een hoop lawaai in het buitengebied.

Zondagochtend was het raak in de uiterwaarden bij Pannerden. Twee weken geleden nog op een boerderij in Laag Keppel.

Overheid laat feesten vaak uitdoven, bang voor escalatie.

Politie en burgemeester staan meestal voor een dilemma: Ingrijpen vanwege de geluidsoverlast, of de rave laten uitdoven? Met hooguit enkele arrestaties als mensen instructies van de politie niet volgen. Meestal wordt gekozen voor het laatste, uitdoven. Dat heeft vaak te maken met de afgelegen locatie en de krapte bij de politie.

Uit vrees dat de weinige beschikbare agenten te maken krijgen met agressieve bezoekers onder invloed van drank en drugs en er gewonden zouden vallen, wordt vaak niet aangedurfd om de stroom uit te zetten.

Eind maart werd wel ingegrepen bij een illegale rave in Maastricht: Agenten werden vervolgens bekogeld met glas en stenen. In het Gelderse dorpje Rijswijk liet de politie op nieuwjaarsdag 2022 de meeste feestgangers vrijwillig vertrekken nadat er uren in een oude fabriekshal was gefeest.

Dutch News from the internet.



Illegale Raves in het bos en het vuil dat de landeigenaar of de overheid op mag ruimen.

The Bingo Pages



NEERLANDIA BINGO

Doors open at 10am. Eyes down at 11am.



Coffee and tea and biscuits are provided: Self-serve.

Game: Your book of 10 games cost you \$12.50.

Lunch: A bowl of soup and a bun will cost you \$7.50

Total cost: \$20.00 for a fun filled day out with plenty of opportunities to win part or all your money back.

**The games in July & August will be held on:
July 5th & 19th and August 2nd, 16th & 30th.**



Bingo played on 24/05/2023 at the RDC

We had 29 players on the 24th of May and two players played for free. They were **Kerry James and Mia Boshart**, well done.

The Cadbury Favourite Chocolates went to **Freda Hovingh** and the Neerlandia Sponsored Ferrero Chocolates were won by **Henk Smit**, well done. We had a false call in game 4, the straight Full House game, which was eventually won by **Marjorie Bly**.

In game 5 the three left end numbers took 28 balls to get. Game 6: **Marion Gerritsen** scooped the pool by taking out the Line and the Full House, well done Marion.

In game 7, the Full House with the \$25.00 bonus was won by **Tiny Deugd, she got** a total of **\$42.00**, well done Tiny.

In game 8, the Full House came up in only 48 balls, that hasn't happened before. In game 9, it took only 11 balls to get the 3 right end numbers, very quick. Unfortunately, the Jackpot did not go off within the required 57 balls, so it will jackpot on the next game day. We had a day where we had prizes shared by multiple winners and players that won multiple prizes, congratulations to all our winners. It was a very fun filled day with a lot of laughs. The more players we have the higher the prize money, so feel free to come and join in the action, we would love to welcome you.

The Bingo Pages



Bingo Players on 7/06/2023

We had 32 players on the 7th of June and 3 of those played for free, and they were **Lillian Zuiderveld, Babette van Dijk** and **Marjorie Bly**, well done. The Cadbury Favourite Chocolates went to **Helen Dans** and the Neerlandia Sponsored Ferrero Chocolates were won by **Nelly van der Heiden** well done. In game 1, the Full House with the \$25.00 bonus was won by **Helen Dans**, a total of **\$45.00** a great welcome back surprise and a great way to celebrate her upcoming birthday. In game 5 the 3 left end numbers came out in 9 balls by none other than "Mr Bingo", Henk Uyen. It usually takes a lot more balls. Then to top that game off, the Full House prize was also won by Mr Bingo and with only 43 balls. Pity **Henk Uyen** that it wasn't the Jackpot Game. Nevertheless, Henk won a total of \$30.00. Another multiple winner was **Kerry James**, who took out a line and Full House in the same game and also won **\$30.00** in total, well done. In game 8, the middle line took 40 balls to come out and then only 30 more for the Full House. We had two players, **Jo van Gentevoort & Lilian Zuiderveld**, who picked the 3 right end numbers in game 9 in just 11 balls, which was the second time in 2 weeks and the winners had the same 3 numbers, which were **75, 86, and 88**. This doesn't happen often. Once again the Jackpot did not go off within the required 58 balls and will carry over to the next game on the 21st of June. Congratulations to all our winners well done. We had multiple winners and winners who had multiple wins. All together we had a great day with a lot of laughs with the friendly banter that passes around. You can see from the game on the 24th May to the game on the 7th June where we had more players there were more players playing for free and also the prize money was higher so why not join us and have a win and a good time.

For more information contact our Hosts:-**John Zwartkruis**
Lou James

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Phone 0427 018 777

Andre Rieu & Dutch Choir Tiptoe through the Tulips

André Rieu is back in Cinemas on Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th of August with his new show – “Love is all around.”

Neerlandia is sponsoring this event once more and you are requested to register your interest by the 6th of August so that advance tickets can be purchased before they are sold out.

The show will be at various Cinemas, but to stick with tradition as well as the ease of parking, Neerlandia will attend the show on Sunday the 27th August at the Event Cinemas in Innaloo.

Booking direct through the Cinema will cost \$42.00 per ticket. Neerlandia Members can purchase a ticket for only \$20.00. This is only for Sunday 27th August at the Event Cinema in Innaloo.

Book your tickets through your Club Leaders or contact John Zwartkruis on 0434 920 252 or by email to terjohnz@gmail.com.



The Dutch Singers at Araluen

Sunday 17th September 2023 from 11:30 AM onwards, come and Tiptoe through the Tulips in Araluen Botanical Gardens.

The Dutch Singers will be performing and Food Trucks selling Dutch Treats will be on site to tickle your tastebuds.

Come and make it a wonderful afternoon with your family and enjoy the beautiful tulips and other flowers, some Dutch Culture and Dutch Food.

Neerlandia will arrange for a Bus to take people from the Rhein-Donau Club to Araluen and back again. To get your seat on the bus and entry into the park, book your ticket for \$10.00 per seat. Normal entry fees are: -



Adult	\$20.00
Concession	\$15.00
Child (6 – 15 Years)	\$10.00
Family 2 Adults & 3 Children	\$60.00

Prices are per person and concession card holders must present a valid Australian Government Concession Card.

Important Notice:

****On site: No Cash Sales, Electronic Payments only.****

Book your tickets through your Club Leaders or contact John Zwartkruis on 0434 920 252 or by email to terjohnz@gmail.com.

The Neerlandia 2023 AGM will be held at Morley Windmills.

**When: On Sunday 15th October 2023 at 2.00pm.
Doors open at 1.00 pm.**

In accordance with Neerlandia's Constitution, all positions on the Committee will be declared vacant at the 2023 AGM.

The sitting Committee Members are:

President *John Zwartkruis*

Vice-President *Machiel van der Stelt*

Secretary *Vacant*

Treasurer *Henry Koldenhoven*

Committee Members (8): Toon Kamps, Hanny Kamps, Karin

Eastwood-Helder, Alida Reitzenstein, Babette van Dijk, Helen Levy,

Jeanette Kuiper and Peter van der Wedden.

"Nominations for the entire Committee are now called for from our Members and must be received by our Secretary before the 17th of September 2023. (Closing date is 28 days before the AGM)".

A Nomination Form is included with this magazine and are also available from existing Committee Members. (Contact details page 27.)

Please note that any candidate can only be nominated for 1 position on the Committee.

The following sitting Members are likely to re-nominated for their same positions.

President: *John Zwartkruis*

Vice-President: *Machiel van der Stelt*

Secretary: *Vacant*

Treasurer: *Henri Koldenhoven*

8 Committee Members: Karin Eastwood-Helder, Toon Kamps, Hanny Kamps, Alida Reitzenstein, Babette van Dijk, Helen Levy, Jeanette Kuiper and Peter van der Wedden.

(Nominees will be confirmed in the September Magazine)

Members attending the AGM will receive a drink voucher for consumption at the bar.

John Zwartkruis, President.

A touch of Dutch

A Touch of Dutch!

The following article was found with no date mentioned other than a reference to Tony Blair promising Great Britain, that a Labour Government would turn Britain into a “Stakeholder” economy. The article was written by Adam Nicholson and was published in “The Herald” in Manchester. Tony Blair won Government in a landslide victory in 1997 and became the youngest PM of Great Britain.

Hence, the article must have appeared sometime in 1996/1997.

Rather than republishing the entire article, we have condensed its contents and highlighted the most important observations, facts and figures mentioned in this article. Please bear in mind that this article was written 25 + years ago and some of these observations will have changed. References to GDP growth, inflation, wages growth etc. will have undoubtedly changed, and for that reason these references have been excluded.

The Dutch have been exercising a “Stakeholder” economy since the United Seven Provinces fought for their independence from the Hapsburg Empire and King Phillippe of Spain in 1568. Survival at that time depended on the cooperation of minorities, on harnessing individual ambition for the common good. This concept continues up until today. Businesses compete against one another, but monopolies are very rarely formed. Every business can put in a bid for a contract without suffering financial loss if their bid is unsuccessful. This is because the winning bidder is obliged to refund the costs incurred by rival firms. This means that all bids are truly sharply priced with all foreseeable costs included. Firms that lost out on the bid are not financially worse off and can bid again on other contracts. In banking, if one bank was to raise its lending interest rates, it is a point of principle that they tell their competitors, before they do so. And competition for business is nevertheless fierce.

The Dutch employ a system of cooperation where the overall health of the market is maintained and those firms falling below acceptable standards are educated and helped to bring the quality of their product up to the standard the market expects.

For example, at the Aalsmeer Flower Market, all growers cooperatively own the auctioneers. This efficiency costs the growers a 4% levy, as opposed to a mark-up of 20% - 30% by a Merchant. With a shared auction house, and the common aim of attracting and keeping the world’s buyers, it is in no growers interest to bring sub-standard goods to market. Everyone benefits from a consistently high quality supply of flowers. So, not only do the auctioneers employ pre-sale quality controllers, if a particular grower consistently produces poor quality goods, he or she is taken aside by his nominal competitors and shown



A sea of colourful flowers at the Aalsmeer Flower Market awaits the buyers to purchase them electronically.



The buyers, mostly international, buy the flowers on computers according to the information displayed on the Boards.

A touch of Dutch

how to do it right. There is nothing soft-hearted about this. It is in fact self-interest at work, and its social function is no more than a side effect. Furthermore, all flowers that remain unsold at the end of an auction are incinerated. This is to prevent formation of a second market and thereby maintain one single, high quality market.

Furthermore, the Dutch are very modest about their success. There is no boastfulness. For example, all flowers that are sold in Aalsmeer one day, will appear in a Florist Shop anywhere around the world and there will be no mark to identify it was sold through Aalsmeer. The Dutch simply get their work done, take their margin and move on.

This then also explains why there are so many products that you may use daily, without even knowing it is a Dutch product. Here is a list of many products you will undoubtedly be familiar with. All of them are Dutch products.

Flora Margarine, I can't believe it's not butter, tea made by Brooke Bond, Birds Eye, Batchelor Soup, Cup-a-Soup, Oxo, Walls Ice Cream. In Great Britain, people eat about 400 pounds of Dutch food per year. More products such as, dairy products, pork, bacon, chocolate, beer, and ready-made chips, come from The Netherlands than any other European country. The Dutch make it, the Britons eat it.

Then we look at personal health and beauty products. Surf and OMO are Dutch. So too are, Lux, Pears, Timotei, Dove, Sunsilk, Ponds, Vaseline, Faberge, Brut, Calvin Klein, as well as Chloé, Valentino and Fendi. The Clearblue One Step Pregnancy Test is also Dutch. The Tape Cassette and CD were Dutch inventions. The mechanism that make traffic lights work was also a Dutch invention. So too are the whole body scanners in hospitals, as are the energy saving light bulbs. The electric razor is also a Dutch invention.

For tax reasons, IKEA is registered as a Dutch Company even though its origins come from Sweden. So too is the French car manufacturer, Citroën. The Rolling Stones roll their money through Dutch hands.

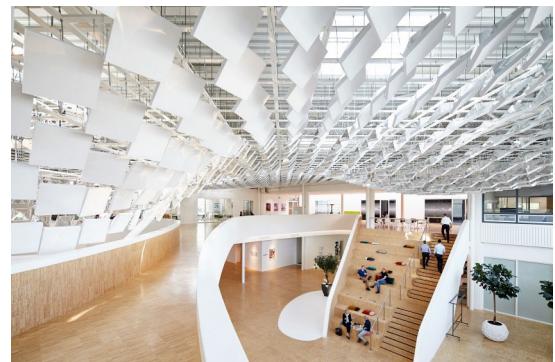
All films and music produced by Polygram are Dutch. Polygram is 90% owned by Philips, which is a Dutch electrical engineering company headquartered in Eindhoven. The biggest company in Europe and third biggest in the world (at least back in 1997), is Shell Oil. This is 60% owned by the Dutch.

ING Bank is a Dutch Banking company, and it took over Barings Bank in 1995 after Nick Leeson caused the collapse of Barings Bank having made \$1.3 Billion in losses on unauthorised trades. (NB: In 2001, ING sold ING-Barings to another Dutch Bank ABN-Amro.)

Of the entire European freight haulage business, 40% is in Dutch hands. In the UK, the Dutch control one third of all haulage businesses. They also control 10% of industry in the English Midlands. KLM owns Air UK. Rotterdam has the largest port in Europe. Around 40% of German trade through to the Atlantic regions, passes through the port of Rotterdam. Many Japanese & Korean companies have set up their European distribution centers in the Netherlands. Two thirds of the Japanese firms and half of the Americans are controlled from the Netherlands.

Foreign traders as well as visitors love the language skills of the Dutch. 73% of the Dutch speak at least one foreign language, 44% speak two foreign languages and 12% speak three. In contrast, only 20% of the English are said to be able to speak a foreign language, and even this number is considered to be an over-estimation.

Compiled by Jan Zwartkruis.



Philips headquarters in Eindhoven.

The Sunday Drive Competition & New Members

Report on the June Sunday Klaverjas Drive.

This Klaverjas Drive was held on Sunday the 4th of June.

Unfortunately it was a long weekend and some players had family commitments and a couple were in hospital! We wish those that were not well, a speedy recovery.

We still had 14 players, which means 3 tables + two extra players.

This time we tried a different solution as we had the right players willing to participate. Joke and Tiny teamed up as a pair and Pieter L. and John did as well. Those four played only two games each, while the rest played 4 games straight.

Once again it looks complicated, but after years of experience, the organisers know what they are doing.

The most important factor is that everyone can participate in the event and win a prize. Lunch was ordered and picked up by John from the nearest Subway branch and it was enjoyed by all.

The Winners on the day were: -

1st Prize: Freda Hovingh - 6920 points

2nd Prize: Jan Z & Piet L - 6820 points

3rd Prize: Babette van Dijk - 6432 points

Congratulations to the three winners. If you missed out, better luck next time.

Pieter Leeflang, Organiser.



The Winners: Centre, Freda Hovingh 1st prize.
Jan Z. and Piet L. 2nd prize and Babette van
Dijk 3rd Prize.

If jealousy had a face.



**ATTENTION
ALL KLAVERJAS
PLAYERS.**

**Sunday Card Drives
will be held on:**

**Sunday the 2nd of July,
Sunday the 6th of August
and Sunday the 10th of September**

Note the new attendance time:

**Doors open at 10.30 am
Competition starts at 11.00am
New players are welcome.**

**NEERLANDIA WELCOMES
THE FOLLOWING NEW
MEMBERS.**

**Thea Stroop
Betty Drabble**

4 Mei - Dodenherdenking

4 mei Dodenherdenking.

Een kleine groep mensen verzamelde zich in het Café "By Celeste" op de begraafplaats Karrakatta.

Het was 4 mei, de dag dat in Nederland de Dodenherdenking plaatsvindt. De laatste jaren hadden Elly Spillekom, mijn man en ik elkaar op die dag ontmoet, om na een kopje koffie in gezegd café, te voet naar de Nederlandse Enclave te lopen, wat een onderdeel van The Commonwealth War Graves of WA is. Wij legden dan bloemen, hielden twee minuten stilte en liepen weer terug.



Afgelopen jaar besloten we het dit jaar wat groter aan te pakken en een open uitnodiging te adverteren voor 4 mei 2023.

Dit resulteerde in een opkomst van ongeveer 20, voornamelijk Nederlands geïnteresseerden, waaronder een aantal kinderen met ouders. Ook Hon Consul de Heer Anthony van Willinge had de moeite genomen om bij deze intieme ceremonie aanwezig te zijn.

WA War Graves' caretakers hadden stoelen voor ons klaargezet en terwijl de zon vriendelijk op het tafereel scheen, las Elly de namen voor van de Nederlanders die tijdens de bombardment van Broome door de Japanners om het leven waren gebracht.

Machiel, de technicus, had passende muziek stukken uitgezocht van Elgar en Mozart. Na twee minuten stilte werd het Wilhelmus gespeeld.

Hierna volgde het leggen van bloemen die de aanwezigen hadden meegebracht. Elke gedenksteen ontving minimaal 1 bloem. Na afloop liepen we allen terug naar het café waar we met elkaar een prettige tijd doorbrachten bij het genot van een kopje koffie.

En iedereen die bij deze herdenking aanwezig was, vond het een prima idee om ook volgend jaar op 4 mei weer bij elkaar te komen op de Dutch Enclave om stil te staan bij de slachtoffers van WWII.

Lianna Parker, Life Member.



Members Birthdays



The following Members will celebrate their Birthday during the month of July 2023. We wish them all a very Happy Birthday.

Joke Leeflang
Peter Rietveld
Con van der Putten
Janny Udinga
Lilian Zuiderveld
Dennis van Kinderen
Jessica van Kinderen
Marjorie Bly
Rudi Haverhoek
Meta Bruining
John van Gentevoort
Pamela Uyen
Wendela van der Togt
Jeannette Kuiper
Thea de Koning
Zenko Stulcbauer
Nelly Liebregts
John Schoen
Judy Hanemaaijer
Katy Mair
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Martin Klabbers
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The Anniversary Lunch in July



***NEERLANDIA
54TH ANNIVERSARY
LUNCH***



A delicious Indonesian Rijsttafel Buffet .

All Members are invited to celebrate the 54th Anniversary of Neerlandia.

When – 30 July 2023 – Arrive from 11:30AM – Lunch served at 12:30PM
Where – The Rhein Donau Club – 110 North Lake Rd, Myaree.

Our now very popular Raffle will be on again.

You may also witness a few other surprises.

Neerlandia has survived for 54 years and is still going strong.

Come and make this day another memorable event in our history.

This event is subsidised by your Neerlandia Committee.

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Book early to avoid disappointment.

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Or: Your Neerlandia Committee representative or Club Co-Ordinator.

Bookings can also be requested through: neerlandia@dutchclubwa.com

May a bit of Humour light up your Day

Mum's Driver's Licence.



A mother is driving her little girl to her friend's house for a play date.
"Mummy," the little girl asks, "How old are you?"
"Honey, you're not supposed to ask a lady her age," the mother replies. "It's not very polite."
"Oh, okay," the little girl says. "What colour was your hair two years ago?"
"Now really," the mother says: "These are personal questions and aren't any of your business."
Undaunted, the little girl asks: "Why did you and Daddy get a divorce?"
"Honestly! That's enough questions, please," the mother says.
Exasperated, the mother walks away as the two friends begin to play.
"My Mum won't tell me anything about herself," the little girl says to her friend.
"Well, all you need to do is look at her Driver's Licence," the friend says. "It's like our report cards, it has everything on it."
Later that night, the little girl says to her mother: "I know how old you are. You are 32."
The mother is surprised and asks: "How did you find that out?"
"I also know that you used to have brown hair."
The mother is beyond surprised and slightly shocked by now. "How in Heaven's name did you find that out?"
"And," the little girl says triumphantly: "I also know why you and Daddy got a divorce."
"Oh really!" the mother says. "Why?"

"It's all on your Driver's Licence.
And that states you got an 'F' in sex."

A day off from work.



Two factory workers are talking.
The woman says: "I can make the boss give me the day off."
The man replies: "And how would you do that?"
The woman says: "Just wait and see."
She then climbs up and hangs upside down from metal beams.
The boss comes in and says: "What are you doing?"
The woman replies: "I'm a light bulb."
The boss then says: "You've been working so much that you've gone crazy. I think you need to take the day off."
The woman starts walking and the man starts to follow her and the boss says: "Where are you going?"
The man says: "I'm going home, too. I can't work in the dark."

Crazy carpet installation.

A man who was installing carpet decides to take a smoke break after completing the first of several rooms he has to do. Finding his



May a bit of Humour light up your Day

cigarettes missing from his pocket, he begins searching, only to notice a small lump in his recently completed carpet installation.

Not wanting to rip up all that work for a lousy pack of smokes, he walks over to the lump and pounds it flat. The man decides to forgo the break and continues on to the next room requiring carpet.

At the end of the day, the man has completed his work and is out on the driveway loading his tools into the back of his truck when the young lad who lives in the house returns home to admire his new carpet.

The lad heads back inside the house, gets to the door and then calls out. "Before you go, have you seen my mouse? He seems to have escaped from his cage again."

The Satnav - by Pam Ayres

I have a little Satnav, it sits there in my car
A Satnav is a driver's friend,
it tells you where you are.
I have a little Satnav, I've had it all my life.
It's better than the normal ones,
My Satnav is my wife.

It gives me full instructions,
Especially how to drive.
"It's sixty miles an hour", it says,
"You're doing sixty five".
It tells me when to stop and start,
And when to use the brake
And tells me that it's never ever,
Safe to overtake.

It tells me when a light is red,
And when it goes to green
It seems to know instinctively,
Just when to intervene.
It lists the vehicles just in front,
And all those to the rear
And taking this into account,
It specifies my gear.

I'm sure no other driver,
Has so helpful a device
For when we leave and lock the car,
It still gives its advice.



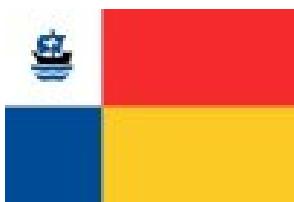
It fills me up with counselling,
Each journey's pretty fraught
So why don't I exchange it,
And get a quieter sort?

Ah well, you see, it cleans the house,
Makes sure I'm properly fed
It washes all my shirts and things,
And keeps me warm in bed!
Despite all these advantages,
And my tendency to scoff,
I only wish that now and then,
I could turn the bugger off.

Attention: anyone missing a child
in an orange coat...come to the
Lingerie dept. Your child is
hungry! 😂😂😂😂



Almere, the newest City in the Netherlands



Flag & Coat of Arms of Almere.

Almere is a City and Municipality in the Province of Flevoland in The Netherlands and it is situated across the IJsselmeer from Amsterdam. Almere is located in the polder called Southern Flevoland. It is the most Western Municipality of the Province Flevoland.

Bordering Lelystad and Zeewolde, the Municipality

of Almere comprises six official areas that are the districts of Almere Stad, Almere Buiten and Almere Pampus (which is currently being designed), and the Towns of Almere Haven, Almere Hout and Almere Poort.

Almere is the newest city in the Netherlands. The land on which the city is built, the Southern Flevoland polder, was reclaimed from the IJsselmeer from 1959 to 1968.

The very first house was finished in 1976 and Almere became a Municipality in 1984.

It has the largest population of all the Municipalities in Flevoland with 214,715 citizens in 2021 and it is now the 8th largest city in the Netherlands.

However, in October 2007, the City Council of Almere made agreements with the Dutch Government to expand the city to 350,000 inhabitants by 2030.

History:

The original plans for the IJsselmeer polders were that the land would be used solely for agriculture. However, after World War II, housing was needed for the rapidly growing population of Amsterdam and two Towns were planned in the polders of East Flevoland and South Flevoland. The town in East Flevoland became Lelystad. The town in

South Flevoland was still called South West Town on the first sketches, but in the 1970s it became the City of Almere, so named after the lake Almere, the early medieval name for the Zuiderzee.

Planning the City:

Originally, Almere was envisioned as a Town with multiple centres. There is also a difference between the way houses are built in the oldest and the newest parts of the city. The housing plan in Almere in the 1970s was basic functionality and a levelling of social status. However, starting in the 1990s more exclusive homes with striking designs were built, notably in the Rainbow district (Regenboogbuurt).



Interesting variety of colourful apartment buildings in the Rainbow district.

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Dedicated cycle pathways are 3 to 4 metres wide and have their own bridges to cross main roads.

The traffic infrastructure in Almere is recognisable because of its separate infrastructure for cycles (which, in most cases, have separate cycle paths) and buses that drive in a separate bus lane in most parts of the City.

Railway

In 1987 Almere was connected to the national railway system with the completed Flevolijn, which connected Weesp to Lelystad Centrum.

A seasonal-use station, Almere Strand, was set up for certain events, such as Libelle Zomerweek.



Children, yet to be born, ride on bicycles.

Libelle Zomerweek:

Libelle Zomerweek is held every year during the month of May.



Disco party for the over 30's.

Last year it attracted over 81,600 visitors. The theme last year was "Discolove" and the event was opened by the famous English group Boney M. Unfortunately the festival will leave Almere after 2023.

The organisers quoted lack of expansion possibilities as the reason behind that decision.

Compiled from the Internet by Pieter Leeflang.



81,000 visitors celebrating Summerweek are a lot of people to entertain.

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CODE WORD PUZZLE

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet is replaced by a number.

For these puzzles, **two or three** letters are revealed. Start with entering these throughout the puzzle, start to guess your first word or letter. Use a pencil to start, then if it does not workout, you can erase it and start again.

Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S can occur more often than others e.g. the letters Q, X or Z.

Results of last month's Bonus TOP CODEWORD.

This puzzle was not a pushover at all and it was not easy to find the first 3 words. But once the words:

Propoganda, Unknown and Wardrobe were found, the rest became easier.

The letter codes for last month's Top Codebreaker were as follows:

*A=26; B=18; C=4; D=14; E=1; F=8;
G=10; H=22; I=12; J=3; K=23;
L=11; M=13; N=2; O=24; P=9;
Q=19; R=17; S=5; T=25; U=16;
V=15; W=21; X=6; Y=20; Z=7.*

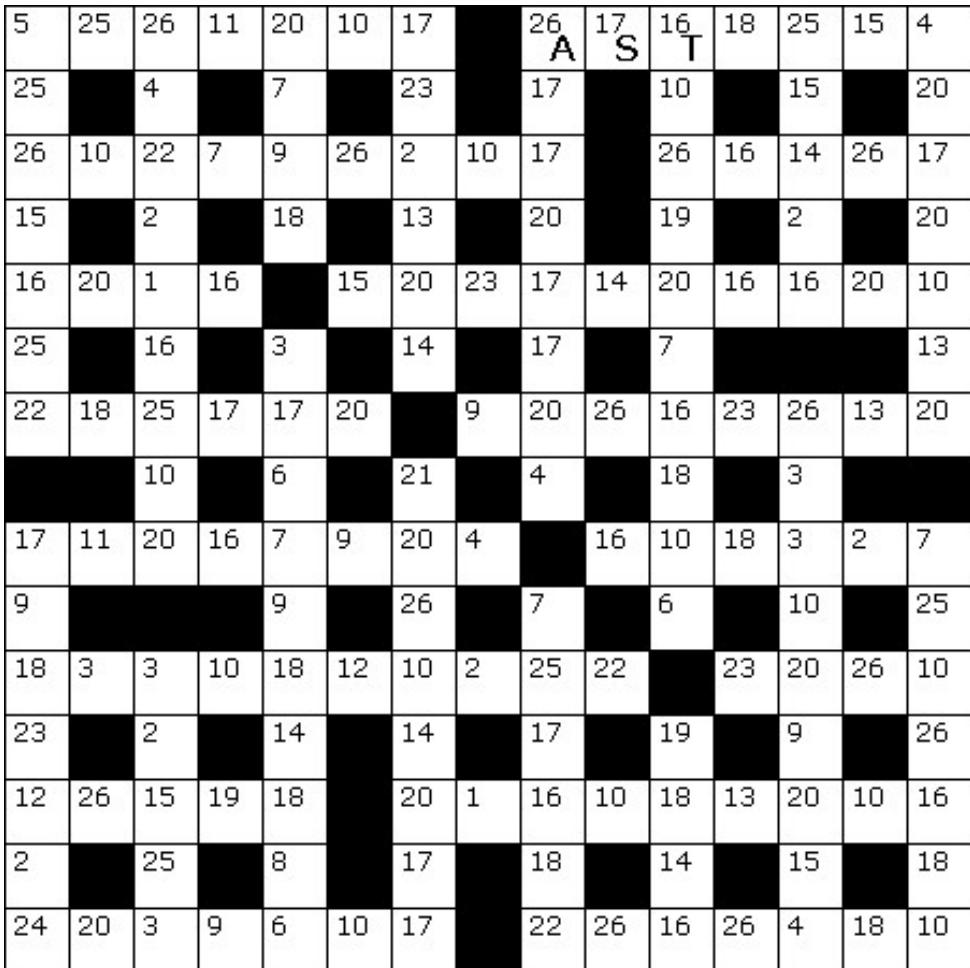
Results of last month's Bonus BOTTOM CODEWORD.

This puzzle was not easy either. It took me a while to find the first three words, but after that it was smooth sailing. The first three words were: Tortillas, Antiquated and Newness.

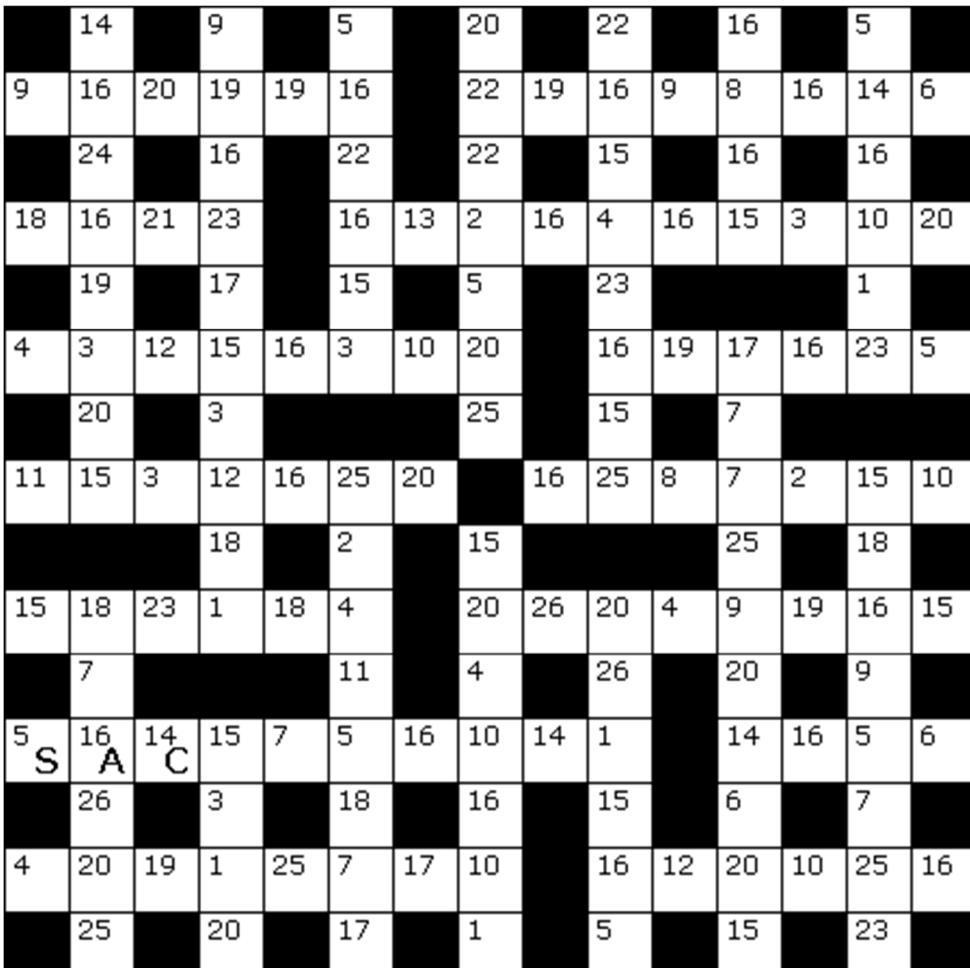
The letter codes for last month's bottom Codebreaker were as follows:

*A=8; B=16; C=15; D=12; E=24;
F=7; G=9; H=20; I=4; J=14; K=6;
L=3; M=23; N=25; O=2; P=1;
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V=11; W=21; X=10; Y=19; Z=5.*

Two Bonus Code-Word Puzzles

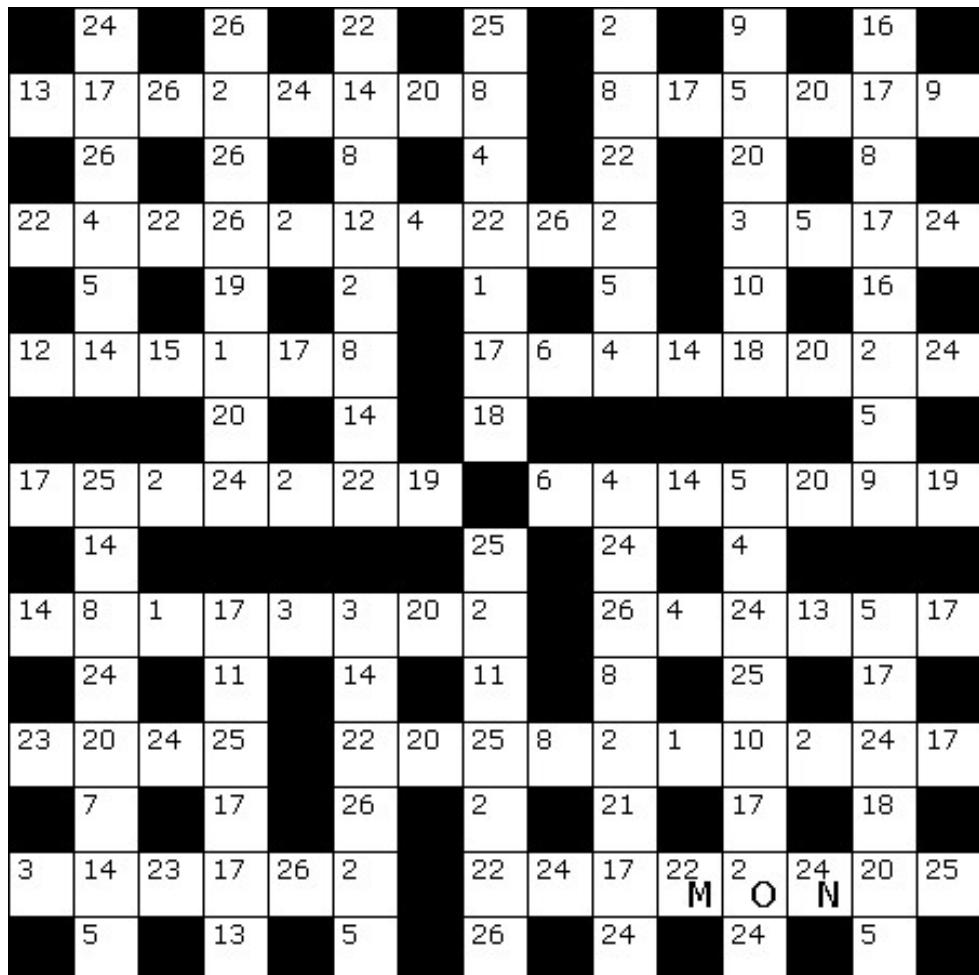


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Code-Word and Sudoku Puzzles Page



CODE WORD PUZZLE.

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For this puzzle **three** letters are revealed. Start with entering these throughout the puzzle and then start to guess your first word or letter. Use a pencil to start, then if it does not work out, you can erase and start again. Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S occur more often than others e.g. the letter X or Z.

To find the first three words of last month's Codebreaker was quite easy.

The first 3 words I found were:

Propaganda, Woodwind and Unknown. Once those 3 words were found, it still was not easy.

The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker were as follows:
 A=21; B=15; C=11; D=13;
 E=12; F=22; G=18; H=20;
 I=19; J=9; K=24; L=5; M=23;
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 S=16; T=14; U=2; V=3; W=6;
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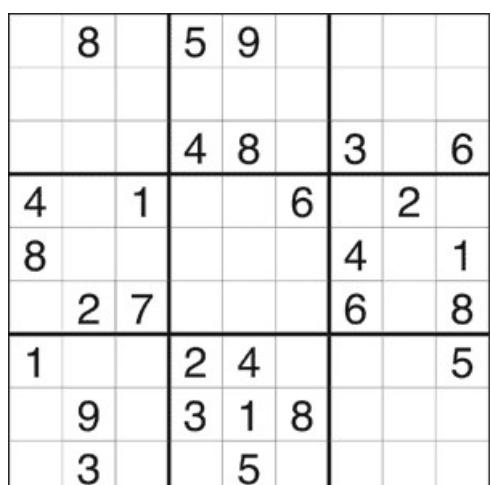
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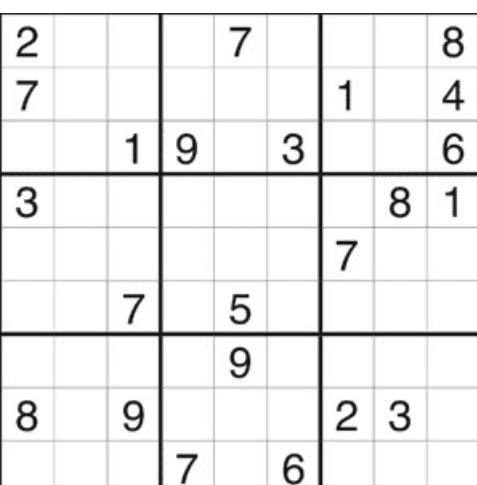
Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column; each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.

**Sudoku 985
Easy Puzzle**



**Sudoku 985
Medium Puzzle**



1	5	6	4	2	7	3	8	9
7	4	3	8	1	9	5	2	6
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Last month's
Sudoku Easy 984 solution.

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Last month's
Sudoku Medium 984 solution.

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